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WITH RESPECT TO PARA. 3 OF THE ABOVE REFERENCE, MISSION
MAY FORWARD FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO MTC SECRETARIAT:

1. PRELIMINARY DATA FOR 1973 SHOW THAT 51.9 MILLION LONG
TONS (2,240 LBS.) OF LINER CARGO WERE TRANSPORTED IN THE
U.S. FOREIGN TRADE. AMERICAN FLAG LINER VESSELS HANDLED
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13.1 MILLION TONS (25.2 PER CENT OF TOTAL); THE REMAINING

38.9 MILLION TONS WERE TRANSPORTED IN FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS. FOR 1972 THE FIGURES ARE 44.6, 9.8 (21.9 PER CENT) AND 34.8, RESPECTIVELY. A STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN BY CONFERENCE AND NON-CONFERENCE LINES IS UNAVAILABLE. LINER CARGO CARRIAGE BY TRAMPS IS MINISCULE.

2. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DOES NOT OWN OR CONTROL ANY SHIPPING LINES OPERATING WITHIN OR WITHOUT SHIPPING CONFERENCES. HENCE, IT IS NOT IN A POSITION THEREBY TO EXERCISE DIRECT OR INDIRECT INFLUENCE AS APPEARS TO BE THE CASE IN CERTAIN OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, SHIPPING

LINES OPERATING IN THE FOREIGN TRADE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN OR WITHOUT A CONFERENCE ARE REGULATED BY THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION, AN INDEPENDENT REGULATORY AGENCY, PURSUANT TO U.S. SHIPPING LEGISLATION BECAUSE OF ANTITRUST AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS (E.G. PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES) RELATED TO SHIPPING AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES. MOREOVER, AMERICAN COMPANIES WHICH OPERATE U.S. FLAG VESSELS BENEFITING FROM VARIOUS PUBLIC MARITIME AID PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION HAVE CERTAIN CONTRACTUAL AND REPORTING OBLIGATIONS TO FULFILL WITH RESPECT TO THEIR COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS. INGERSOLL

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